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1. On 30 October 1947, Polish troops occupied the Oderpolder, i.e. the area between the East Oder and the West Oder from Fiddichow (Q-42) to Stettin (Q-55). This was reported in November 1947 by the Inland Waterways office at Frankfurt/Oder to the German Central Administration for Transport. Dr. Lohmeyer protested to the SIA on behalf of the Shipping Directorate (Generaldirektion Schifffahrt) and pointed out that according to the Potsdam Agreement the middle of the East Oder (or Stromoder) was the new frontier between Germany and Poland, and that the Stromoder belonged to the German inland waterways system. German inland waterways transport was hindered by this breach of the Potsdam Agreement. Responsible SIA officials replied that they regretted this fact but could do nothing about it. At the same time they pointed out that German inland waterway transport had thus far not been interfered with.
2. The town of Schwedt (Q-31), north of Küstrin (V-66) on the western bank of the Oder, was occupied by Polish troops during December 1947. Most German civilians have left the town. Anti-tank ditches were being dug to the north, west, and south of Schwedt during January 1948. Similar ditches are being dug around the eastern outskirts of Frankfurt/Oder.

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